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CUBA: SOVIET AIRCRAFT DELIVERED. (S)
(S) CUBA HAS RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF MIG AIRCRAFT -- THE
FIRST THIS YEAR -- FROM THE USSR. THE SOVIET FREIGHTER
SOKOL WAS SIGHTED ON 8 OCTOBER NORTH NORTHEAST OF PUERTO
RICO WITH AT LEAST FOUR AIRCRAFT CRATES AND ASSORTED VE-
HICLES ON DECK. ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL AIRCRAFT MODEL HAS
NOT BEEN DETERMINED, TWO OF THE CRATES ARE BELIEVED TO
CONTAIN THE MIG-21/FISHBED L FUSELAGE WHILE THE OTHERS
CONTAIN ASSOCIATED COMPONENT PARTS. THE SHIP WAS EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE AT HAVANA OR MARIEL BY THE 11TH. SIXTEEN AIR-
CRAFT WERE DELIVERED IN 1975, ALL FISHBED L VARIANTS.
THERE IS STILL NO EVIDENCE OF A SHIFT IN THE BASIC SO-
VIET POLICY OF REPLACING WORN OR OBSOLETE CUBAN MILITARY
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, BUT WITH A MINIMUM OF UPGRADING.
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